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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PGOV PERP PK
SUBJECT: BHUTTO DEATH SENTENCE

REF: NEW DELHI 4506

1. ACCORDING TO WHITE, HEAD OF FCO SOUTH ASIA DEPT,
WHEN AGHA SHAHI VISITED LONDON ON MAR 21 FOREIGN
SECRETARY OWEN TOLD HIM THAT THE CARRYING OUT OF A DEATH
SENTENCE FOR BHUTTO COULD CAUSE ADVERSE REPERCUSSIONS
FOR ANGLO-PAKISTANI RELATIONS. WHITE TOLD EMBOFF THAT
STATEMENT WAS INTENDED AS A "FIRST WARNING." HMG NOW
PLANS TO WAIT UNTIL BHUTTO'S LEGAL APPEAL PROCEDURES
HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED. IF THE DEATH SENTENCE APPEARED
ABOUT TO BE CARRIED OUT, MATTER WOULD BE TAKEN UP WITH
GOP BY PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN IN COORDINATION WITH
OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HMG UNDERSTANDS WOULD APPEAL FOR
CLEMENCY.

2. IF DEPT HAS ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS MATTER, WE
WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THEM REPEATED TO LONDON.

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